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For: APPARATUS AT A CARDING  
MACHINE, WHEREIN AT LEAST  
ONE STATIONARY CARDING  
SEGMENT IS ASSOCIATED WITH  
A ROLLER

Customer No:

**26694**

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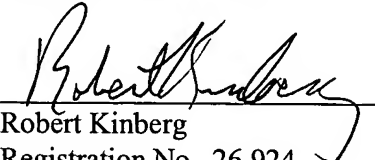
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